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CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 12 — Primary Election Day. Bar closed until 10:00 p.m.

(No Open House program.)

Wed., Aug. 13 — Open House. Thomas P. Whitney, OPC President. Cocktails, 6:15, dinner, 7:00, discussion, 8:00 p.m.

Whitney will tell of covering recent events in Haiti. Special guests at the reception will be a group of fourteen editors and newspapermen from seven South American countries visiting U.S. to observe our press.

Wed., Aug. 27 — All-Day Outing to West Point.

Trip by bus, leaving OPC 9:30 a.m., returning after 6:00 p.m.; picnic lunch. Cocktails with U.S. Military Academy Superintendent and brass. Sight-seeing through West Point grounds. \$5.00 per person. Reservations now. One guest per member. Children over sixteen invited.

Haiti Revolt Overtakes Reporters On Vacation

Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, awoke on Tuesday morning, July 29, to gunfire. The Dessalines Barracks had been seized by "rebels."

When the government's forces finally retook the barracks, it was discovered that the rebel forces consisted of eight men, three of them former Haitian Army officers and five North Americans, two or more of whom were deputy sheriffs of Dade County in Florida. The invasion force had landed on Haiti's coast from a fishing boat called the "Mollie C."

The one-day "rebellion" and its repercussions and a generally tense state between the Haitian government and the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince attracted a number of correspondents.

Joy and Jerry Shaw of the *Miami Herald* were vacationing in Port-au-Prince at the time. They pitched in and covered throughout the week for the *Herald* when it began to appear that a large number of members of the staff of the Dade County

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HUNTLEY AND RYAN TEE OFF ON POLICY OF STATE DEP'T. IN TROUBLED MID-EAST

Strong criticism of State Dep't. policy in the Middle East was voiced Tuesday night at an OPC dinner by two of America's better known newsmen, William L. Ryan of the AP and Chet Huntley of NBC News.

Both men, recently returned from the troubled area, indicated belief that America has wrongly assessed Arab nationalism by equating it with Nas-serism, Communism or anti-Western feelings.

Our actions in the Middle East in the past recent years have made America "suspect" in the eyes of the Arab world, both agreed. Our only hope of overcoming this Arab cynicism, Ryan said, is the creation of a policy which would electrify the aspirations inherent in Arab nationalism.

Huntley outlined a program, pegged upon the necessity of finding an "advance man" who might carry the "banner of the West," and still, because of his position, not be distrusted by the Arabs.

Such a man, he said, might be President Bourguiba of Tunisia. He indicated General de Gaulle might prove such a type, in view of the strides the General seems to be making in his attempt to solve French perplexities.

Huntley also urged regional development. He speculated on what effects might accrue from the presentation of a billion and a half dollars to the UN to carry out such a program.

In another statement he urged protection of Arab neutrality. Huntley said he has a feeling the West has not truly explored the desire within the Arab lands for neutrality in face of the "big powers'" struggle which is surging about them.

Touching upon Soviet encroachment in the area, Ryan said he felt the U.S. must make an "unequivocal statement" as to what its interests are in the area and where it stands.

Ryan said he believed the State

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NBC's Chet Huntley addresses the OPC on Middle East. William Ryan, AP foreign news analyst, and John Wilhelm, OPC Second Vice President, flank Huntley to his left and right, respectively.

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Mid-East Provides Action, Anecdotes

No war is funny. But the situation in Lebanon can be called a funny kind of war. It has seen our Marines hustled to Beirut. It has magnetized newsmen from all over the world. And it is providing a new stack of anecdotes which will go down in press club folklore. These anecdotes were supplied by *Serge Fliegers* of the Hearst Headline Service.



FLIEGERS

Serge writes that in Beirut there are men ready to provide anything for a price. In the days before the rebellion, they dealt in dope, white slaves and smuggled arms. Today they dispense thrills for news correspondents.

One of these enterprising souls - a gent named Selim - is in charge of sound effects. For a fat fee, he conducts radio men with their portable tape recorders to a narrow street on the edge of town. Once they are in position, a murderous fusillade bursts above their heads. Spurred on by what they imagine is the presence of imminent barricade-action, these maestros of the microphone have produced some thrilling "on the spot" accounts.

"Simple," says Selim, when questioned. "I have a cousin on the roof with a machine gun and some blanks. I pay him a dollar an hour. Good business, no?"

Stunts Make Tragedy

On at least one occasion, however, such a stunt produced tragedy. A team of photographers, not American, visited rebel positions in Tripoli. In order to get realism, they paid the insurgents to fire a few rounds into the air. Across the lines, the Loyalists thought an attack was brewing, and returned the fire. In the ensuing fight three men lost their lives.

The fighting - and the faking - have changed Beirut. It has tamed the city once known as the "Paris of the Mediterranean" and the "Port of Forbidden Joy."

The city which once lived under the sign of the champagne bottle, lives now under the sign of the machine-gun. Gone elsewhere, to Athens, to Rome or to Paris, are the oilmen and the princes who made this city their playground.

One such Arabian magnate still is remembered for his eccentricity. In the

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sheriff were involved in one way or another. Joy and Jerry, besides their work for the *Miami Herald*, have a syndicated feature (Des Moines Register Tribune syndicate) called "Celebirthday" for which Jerry draws caricatures and Joy writes the text.

Bruce Henderson of *Time* and *Life* flew in from Caracas to do a thorough run-down on the bizarre invasion attempt.

Paul Kennedy, Mexican and Caribbean correspondent of the *N.Y. Times*, arrived in Port-au-Prince on July 31.

Tom Whitney, AP foreign desk, flew down on July 30 and spent the rest of the week on the story.

Walt Peters, ABC, was in Port-au-Prince on vacation and spent his time on the story.

Mainstay for the outsiders, pillar of support and supplier of office, typewriters, paper and information was Bernard Diederich, the New Zealander who is publisher of the *Haiti Sun*, an English language weekly. Diederich has a practical monopoly on all important stringer jobs in Port-au-Prince.

DATELINE MANILA

Robert P. (Pepper) Martin, *U.S. News & World Report*, made one of his regular visits here and stood AP's John Griffin to a liberal lunch.

Sam Johnson of AP, New Delhi, was another recent vacationer. He stepped from his hotel over the bodies of three heat prostration victims, seared his lungs with some of Manila's noon-time air and said how great it was to get out of that New Delhi steambath. Then he ate a big Mexican dinner, extra hot, and went home refreshed. *Jim Becker*

NOTICE

Because unauthorized persons have been entering the Club, the front door will be locked after 8:00 p.m. Saturday. The Bar will remain open as usual, but members will have to ring for admittance.

House Operations Committee

GARBAYO DIES

Ramon Resa Garbayo, director of the newspaper *Hoja Del Lunes* in Sevilla, Spain, and AP correspondent there for more than thirty-five years, died on Aug. 2 after a long illness. During the Spanish Civil War he used the name of Javier de Navarra as a war correspondent with Gen. Francisco Franco's troops.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

J. Donald Kingsley, executive director, Community Council of Greater New York, to Nigeria on temporary assignment advising the Premier of western region of Nigeria...*Bill Hetherington*, *Newark News*, in Beirut covering the Lebanese crisis...*John Barkham*, *Saturday Review* Syndicate, to Europe for a month's trip.

Andy McElhone, host of Harry's New York Bar in Paris, was a recent Club guest along with his charming American bride. He was entertained by *Neil Sullivan* and other New York friends...*Stan Swinton*, AP, New York, became the father of a second son on July 30...OPC Past President *Burnet Hershey* to Spain for a month to observe filming of naval battle scene for movie of his book, *John Paul Jones*.

MISS FISHER RESIGNS

After more than twelve years with UP (now UPI), *Helen Fisher* resigned as Geneva correspondent on July 31.

She was replaced by Robert J. (Bud) Korengold, formerly of the *Army Times* and for the last year at the UPI Paris bureau.

Miss Fisher, who will free-lance for magazines, will continue living in Geneva. She plans to be in the U.S. in February and March, 1959, on leave.

Cairo - Baghdad Take On 'Main Line' Atmosphere

(The following round-up of Middle East coverage was written especially for The Overseas Press Bulletin by UPI Middle East Manager Wilbur G. Landrey.)

Cairo, Egypt - The Middle East has not seen so much American news talent as it has since peace was broken in Lebanon and especially since the successful Iraqi revolt on July 14.

Cairo has been outside the mainstream of spot news though it is the fountainhead of Arab neutralism which inspired both revolts.

The Cairo press corps was depleted by the Lebanese revolt.

The bigger and more successful uprising in Baghdad brought others rushing here to wait in case of further developments.

Beirut and its beach front hotels are crowded with familiar faces. Some, the residents and other Middle East regulars, have been there all the time. Others arrived from European and Middle East posts. Some came by regular flights while others sailed in with the U.S. Sixth Fleet or came via airlift through Adana in Turkey.



LANDREY



OPC RECEIVES LATEST WALL MAP: Jess Bell (left), chairman of the OPC House Operations Committee, thanks Stuart L. Hammond, vice president of the C.S. Hammond & Co., in the name of the OPC, for the wall map of the world which hangs in the Press Room of the Club. OPC Treasurer Larry Newman, whose last act as House Operations Committee chairman before he became Treasurer was to arrange for the gift, looks on. Hammond was guest at luncheon following the presentation. The map will contain names and locations of OPC members throughout the world.

Since the Iraqi revolt, Baghdad has begun to fill up too. The Iraqi capital itself is one of the hottest spots on earth at this time of year.

Censorship, present everywhere in the Middle East, reached its peak after the revolt in Baghdad where dispatches had to be translated into Arabic before they could be censored.

By the time the Western press arrived in Baghdad, the Egyptian correspondents already had been on the job for several days. Their dispatches, picked up in Cairo, gave the first accounts of the revolt aside from Baghdad radio, which was being monitored all over the Middle East.

Egyptians In By Gov't.

The Egyptians got to Iraq by military airplane, provided by their government.

Welles Hangen, NBC, and Wilton Wynn, AP, two Cairo residents, have been in Beirut since the outbreak of the Lebanese revolt.

Frank Kearns, CBS, has done an assignment in Beirut.

Your correspondent, UPI Middle East manager, has been to Beirut twice for periods of several weeks.

Charles Arnot was in Beirut as INS correspondent before the merger with UP and is now back in Cairo as Middle East correspondent of ABC.

A rundown on some of the faces seen in various capitals of the area since the current crisis began, include:

Cairo:

Osgood Caruthers, *N.Y. Times*; *Geoffrey Godsell*, *Christian Science Monitor*; Arnot; Kearns and this correspondent plus several visitors. They are *Don Burke* and *Jim Whitmore*, *Time-Life*, Athens; *Richard Kasischke*, AP, Vienna; *David Reed*, *U.S. News & World Report*, Washington; *Chesly Manly*, *Chicago Tribune*, Washington; and *George Hall*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Washington.

Beirut:

UPI - *Larry Collins*, resident; *Jack V. Fox*, New York; *Daniel Gilmore*, Rome; *Russell Jones*, Vienna; *Peter Webb*, Bonn; *Ed Beller*, Frankfurt; and this correspondent, (Cairo).

Morin, Ryan From N.Y.C.

AP - *Tom Masterson*, resident; *Wynn*, Cairo; *Relman Morin*, New York; *William Ryan*, New York; and *Edwin Shanke*, London.

Time, Inc. - *John Mecklin*, resident; *Denis Fodor*, resident; *Don Wilson*, Washington; *Hank Walker*, Washington; *Paul Schultzer*, Washington; *Don Schanche*, Washington.

NBC - *Hangen*, Cairo; *Tom Streit-horst*, resident; *Hank Toluzzi*, resident,

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NEWSMEN TAXI 620 MILES OVER CARAVAN ROUTE FOR BAGHDAD DATELINE

(Ed. Note: UPI's Daniel F. Gilmore drove 620 miles by taxi into Baghdad, Iraq from Beirut, Lebanon. The following dispatch describes the rigors of desert travel.)

by Daniel F. Gilmore

Baghdad, Iraq

With the taxi window open, thick, swirling dust filled the air on the trip from Beirut to Baghdad. With the window closed, it was like a Turkish bath gone mad.

You can breathe in a Turkish bath, so we kept the windows closed.

At one point we passed the dead white bones of a fallen camel, picked clean by vultures and bleached by a merciless desert sun. It was a grim reminder that we had reached the danger point on the desert drive.



DANIEL F. GILMORE

Time didn't seem to matter too much on that desert drive. It took us four days to make it by taxi, and occasionally by hitch-hiking, from Beirut to Baghdad, the scene of a lightning coup d'état by military forces.

There were bad moments, especially when our car appeared helplessly stuck on one of the desert tracks. We were pulled out by a following car of newsmen, with thoughts of those snow-white camel bones in our minds.

When we finally arrived in Baghdad, the capital showed no sign that only a week before it had been the scene of a coup that killed King Faisal, Crown Prince Abdul Illah, elder statesman Nuri Es-Said and others - how many others no one can yet say with certainty.

First Overland

Arab newspapermen were the first to reach Baghdad after the revolt, but our group of Americans, Britons, Germans, French and Egyptians were the first to make it by the overland route.

We left Beirut late in the afternoon, and by the time we reached Chatoura, now the limit of government-held territory, it was growing dark.

Border officials insisted it was too risky to continue but they allowed us to proceed after we signed a statement absolving the Lebanese government of all responsibility for our safety.

It was really dark by the time we reached the border and our driver just plain quit. He said he wouldn't go the next seven miles of rebel territory

"for two thousand pounds."

Neither curses nor prayers prevailed, so we paused for the night, staying at a hotel in Chatoura used by UN observer forces.

We set out in the gray light of dawn but the Syrian driver we had engaged did not meet us. This meant a walk of seven miles but we were spared by the arrival of a ten-ton potato truck.

The truck was slow, and regular challenges by armed men in civilian clothes reduced the pace to near nothing. They would pop out of roadside bushes and we paid them off with Lebanese pounds, cigarettes and five bottles of Arak, a local brew something like distilled lightning.

First Rebels at Border

The three of us making the trip - UPI photographer Dieter Hespe, Tom Streithorst, NBC, and I - saw our first Lebanese rebels near the border. They were riding as passengers in a white-painted UN jeep, hitch-hikers as we were. They waved cheerfully.

The stillness of the rugged country was suddenly shattered by a screaming sound overhead. Four U.S. Navy jets streaked by on patrol on the Lebanese side of the Syrian frontier. A ticklish business, that: it is almost impossible in those valleys and mountains to say where one country ends and the other begins.

There was a carnival air as we reached Damascus, for the Syrian capital was celebrating the success of the Iraqi revolt.

Saturday was devoted to getting Iraqi visas - and, more important, to finding a taxi driver willing to undertake the

480 miles over the oven-hot, sand-choked caravan route to Baghdad. An adventurous cabbie who owns a 1955 Plymouth finally agreed to take us.

At 1:00 p.m. Sunday, we began the murderous drive over the Syrian desert to the Iraqi capital. The Plymouth, battered beyond its three years, groaned under its cargo of typewriters, jugs of water and lemonade and sandwiches.

The only clothes we had were on our backs.

Our taxi driver, being a patriot of the United Arab Republic, had liberally festooned his car with UAR flags and pictures of President Abdel Gamal Nasser and Iraqi Premier Kassem.

At one point we lost the signposts for more than an hour and steered by the North Star until we reached the first Iraqi checkpoint of Rutbah.

After another desert trek, the landscape gradually changed from the flinty ground on which camels and goats grazed to greenery.

Tigris - Euphrates Road

We drove along the Euphrates River to an oasis of palm and date groves and lovely verdure between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers.

Iraqis greeted the Syrian plates on our car with cheers. Syria, as part of the UAR, was one of the first countries to recognize the new regime in Iraq.

Vigilance was strict on all bridges and key points which we traversed into Baghdad. Outside the city we were met by a military escort which took us to an Army barracks.

A jeep then led us into the curfewed city.



DRINK ON THE SYRIAN DESERT: Gilmore (center) and Hespe (right) take a drink from a water can while taxi driver checks water in the radiator during the desert drive.

HUNTLEY-RYAN (Cont'd from p. 1)

Dep't. had pushed Nasser into Arab nationalism with its anti-Western overtones. He cited an action of Sec'y. of State John Foster Dulles as a contributing factor in the matter of the building of the Aswan Dam. Dulles withdrew promised aid.

Ryan said he has his own theory as to why the American diplomat had so acted. But he declined to elaborate on his beliefs despite prodding from the floor. He admitted he was using a time-tried State Dep't. device by his answer of "no comment."

Iraqis Not Left-Led

Ryan also said the Iraqi situation is neither Nasser-nor Soviet-inspired. He said President Karim el-Kassem had developed his ideas of establishing a non-monarchical government "long before" Nasser came to power and became a crystallizing force of anti-Western feeling in the area.

Both men were challenged for their criticism of the State Dep't. *Robert Conway* of the *N.Y. Daily News* asked if American action at Suez and with regard to Israel generally had not been wise acts.

While conceding the wisdom of some specific acts, Ryan said that nevertheless America always seems to be performing its wise actions "at the wrong time" and Huntley said he was hard pressed to think of any astute recent diplomatic action except for "our handling of Bourguiba."

Huntley said the U.S. finds itself considered the "most reactionary nation" in the world by the Arabs, and that in a "revolutionary time and place" that is a "bad place to be."

Both speakers saw the situation as pegged on three factors: the aspirations of Arab nationalism, the need for economic development, and the Arab-Israeli question.

Israel Core Factor

Ryan elaborated on the fact that the Arab versus Israeli matter was a core factor in the Middle East tension. Huntley said, however, that he believed a solution along these lines was closer than many people believe.

Huntley said that before the Iraqi revolt, there had been a sincere effort on the part of at least one Iraqi leader to explore the possibility of finding a solution to the Israeli difficulty. He believes more efforts along these lines will surface.

Anecdotes were told by both men about their recent trips to the area. Ryan said that he had heard of a Marine who, on landing at Beirut, said: "So this is Iraq."

Huntley previously had said our

troops were well-briefed and were familiar with the names of top political figures in the area. But, he said, they had not been told that the real reason for their landing in Lebanon had been "to rescue our diplomacy."

He praised the fitness of our troops, especially the airborne elements of the soldiers normally based in Germany. He called the paratroopers our equivalent of Roman legionnaires. He said most of them had long service in the army; many were married to German girls, and were "real professional fighting men, and, in a sense, expatriates."

He said he had no doubt the Marines would have given a good account of themselves if forced to fight their way to a beachhead at Beirut, but he criticized the reconnaissance work which preceded the landing.

Huntley said that most of our landing craft floundered on the type of sand peculiar to that area of the Mediterranean. He said the only vehicle which defied the handicap was a new vehicle called the Marine Mule.

"Oddly enough, the Marine Mule was turned down for use by the Army," he added.

The program was moderated by *George Hamilton Combs*.

CAIRO-BAGHDAD (Cont'd from p. 3)

plus other camera crew.

CBS - Richard Kallsen, resident; Kearns, Cairo; Frank Donghi, New York; plus camera crews.

N.Y. Times - Sam Pope Brewer, resident; Foster Hailey, newly assigned to the Middle East; William H. Lawrence, Washington; Richard P. Hunt, Johannesburg; and Arnaldo Cortesi, Rome.

N.Y. Herald Tribune - Don Cook, London; Joe Alex Morris, Jr., resident.

U.S. News and World Report - John Law, resident.

Scripps-Howard Newspapers - Henry Taylor, Washington.

Baghdad:

AP - Stan Carter, Rome.

UPI - Gilmore and Anthony Cavenish, London.

Time, Inc. - Larry Burrows, Bob Morse, London.

N.Y. Times - Hunt and Hailey (en-route).

NBC - Streithorst.

CBS - Alex Kendrick, London, plus camera crew.

Scripps-Howard Newspapers - Taylor. Amman:

Time - Brian Seed - London; John Sadovy, London; Dave Snell, Paris.

N.Y. Times - Benjamin Welles, Madrid

UPI - Webb.

AP - Ryan.

Ankara:

N.Y. Times - Homer Bigart, New York.

Time - Bob Lackenbach.



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MID-EAST (Continued from page 2)

Bhamdoun mountain resort above Beirut he expressed a desire to be able to watch his harem girls gambol in the private swimming pool without the discomfort of the summer heat. So he ordered a plastic bubble constructed over the pool with built-in air conditioning.

The "Kit-Kat" Club, which used to import its dancing girls from as far away as Las Vegas and where checks often hit as high as \$100 per person for the evening, has shuttered for the duration. Even the less elegant dives have changed their policies and now serve food - and poor food at that.

The Little Casbah

In the shadow of the rebel stronghold at Basta lies Beirut's little Casbah, the Muttanabi quarter. Its narrow, crooked streets are lighted by neon signs proclaiming "Chez Fatimah . . Beautiful Mademoiselles," and "Nanette's Fun-house."

The law does not permit these girls to leave their block of sin and the curfew makes the places close down by 8:00 p.m. So the girls spend listless afternoons playing canasta and waiting for the customers who never seem to show up anymore.

Beirut's "golden girls" also are faring badly. They are prized beauties from all corners of the world..particularly Germany, Austria, Italy and France. Once they sat around smart bars, dressed in the latest Paris fashions, aspiring to complete their careers as the favorite of a rich desert sheikh.

But since the sheikhs and the free-spenders have gone, the girls have moved into cheap hotels. They spend their days lounging on the beach in splendid bikinis.

No Liberty

It was on one of the beaches that the American Marines landed. A roar of joy went up from the girls. And it's very likely that the Marines felt the same way. But all were to be disappointed. For the Marines have been confined to posts and are not being given liberty. They can only look.

The curfew, however, while halting some vices has encouraged others. Down the unlighted streets dark silhouettes slide into narrow doorways which open on dope dens covered with Oriental carpets where hubble-bubble pipes dispense dreams.

The price of hashish has gone up because the supply is dwindling. But there still are customers who are willing to pay dearly for oblivion. In the hills where there is no curfew, the wealthy Lebanese play roulette in the casinos.

But in the city, the click of the roulette wheel has been replaced by the shatter of machine-guns.

The most useful men in Lebanon are the "concierges," the hotel hall porters. For a tip they will tell you what the opposition is doing, fix you up with interviews with rebel and government leaders, charter planes to take you to any Middle East hot-spot, and bail you out after curfew.

Punctually at 8:00 p.m. police clear the streets of Beirut, and all transportation stops. Almost all, that is, Maroun, the night concierge of the St. Georges Hotel, has procured himself a sleek, turquoise colored MG sports car, which whizzes newsmen up to the telegraph office and back. The fee is high - about a dollar a block. And when there is shooting around the telegraph office, as there often is, the price is even higher.

The U.S. Embassy and the U.N. Group have recognized the importance of the concierges. They have, in effect, appointed them ex-officio press attaches, and let them distribute official press releases.

Newspapermen in Beirut have to cope with a censor. He's an affable man named Mr. Khoury. In peaceful times, he censors books and magazines, especially French ones, and deletes pictures of ladies not sufficiently dressed.

Now Press Copy

During this emergency period he has switched from pin-ups to press copy. With a little smile - a sad little smile - he informs journalistic newcomers that they are not allowed to say so-and-so just that way.

For many of the correspondents he holds little terror. Many of the correspondents (including Serge Fliegiers) have spent frustrating hours with Mr. Khoury's counterpart in Moscow.

Not so, however, Ivan Sovboom, the local correspondent for TASS, the Soviet news agency. The other day, Sovboom's copy was slashed by the censor, and the Communist went red with anger.

"In our country," he exploded, "such a thing would never happen."

And so...as Serge says...no war is funny, but the episode in Lebanon is a funny kind of a war.

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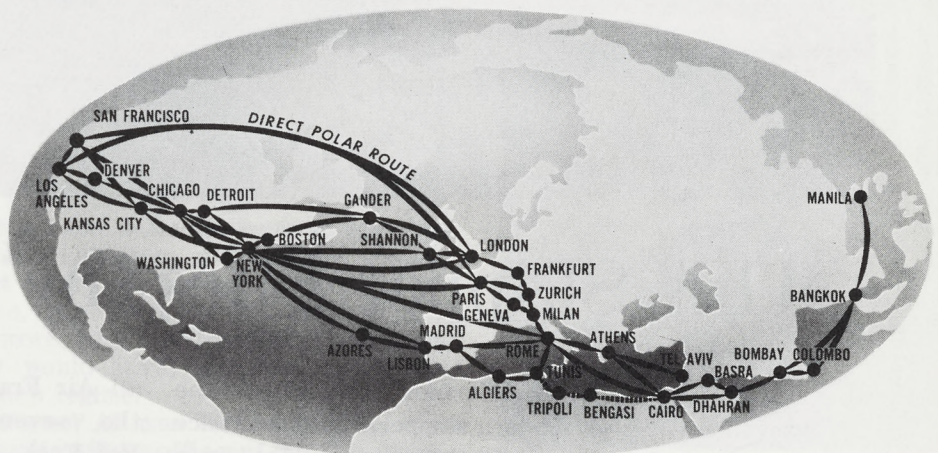
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